

SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL

California is confronted with a shortage of fully certified personnel for special education. Increased demand for special education during the last 10 years has been accompanied by personnel growth. During 1994-2001, the number of special education teachers increased from 28,400 to 31,737 (Table 37). This expansion in personnel has allowed California to maintain an average student-teacher ratio of 19.06 (range 18.16 to 20.50) since 1994-95 (Table 36).

Table 36**SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL IN CALIFORNIA, 1991-2001**

Year	Teachers for Infants	Teachers for Preschool	Teachers for K-12			Other Personnel (Preschool - Age 22)					Total
			Resource Specialist	Special Day Class Teacher	Other Certificated Instructor	Teacher Aide	Psychologist	Speech Pathologist	Adapted P.E. Specialist	All Others	
1991-92	316.86	1,679.63	8,490.74	12,709.26	N/A	22,814.48	2,256.05	3,807.53	790.09	6,116.61	58,981.25
1992-93	350.70	1,843.24	8,639.98	13,092.86	N/A	23,825.04	2,259.53	3,709.67	782.60	5,925.67	60,429.29
1993-94	346.11	1,715.21	8,979.85	13,147.37	N/A	27,114.07	2,209.72	3,664.65	780.45	6,673.99	64,631.42
1994-95	330.00	1,742.14	9,389.88	12,909.62	N/A	24,565.82	2,359.32	3,638.73	770.10	6,229.99	61,935.60
1995-96	332.95	1,875.90	9,839.74	13,212.27	N/A	26,487.78	2,501.03	3,846.76	812.60	7,267.19	66,176.22
1996-97	374.74	1,969.24	10,336.47	13,920.03	N/A	27,388.05	2,589.70	4,069.89	822.81	7,560.85	69,031.78
1997-98	371.73	1,998.51	10,930.83	14,366.04	N/A	29,241.73	2,788.55	4,137.89	847.73	8,277.10	72,960.11
1998-99	404.49	2,074.88	11,437.36	15,577.13	N/A	32,884.33	2,972.19	4,474.02	895.79	8,620.91	79,341.10
1999-00	386.49	2,099.69	11,673.61	16,307.34	N/A	35,845.75	3,233.06	4,612.06	890.46	10,297.10	85,345.56
2000-01	375.76	2,005.94	11,730.32	16,724.83	900.39	40,297.03	3,335.37	4,618.46	925.76	8,555.31	89,469.17

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL DATA REPORT, 1991-200

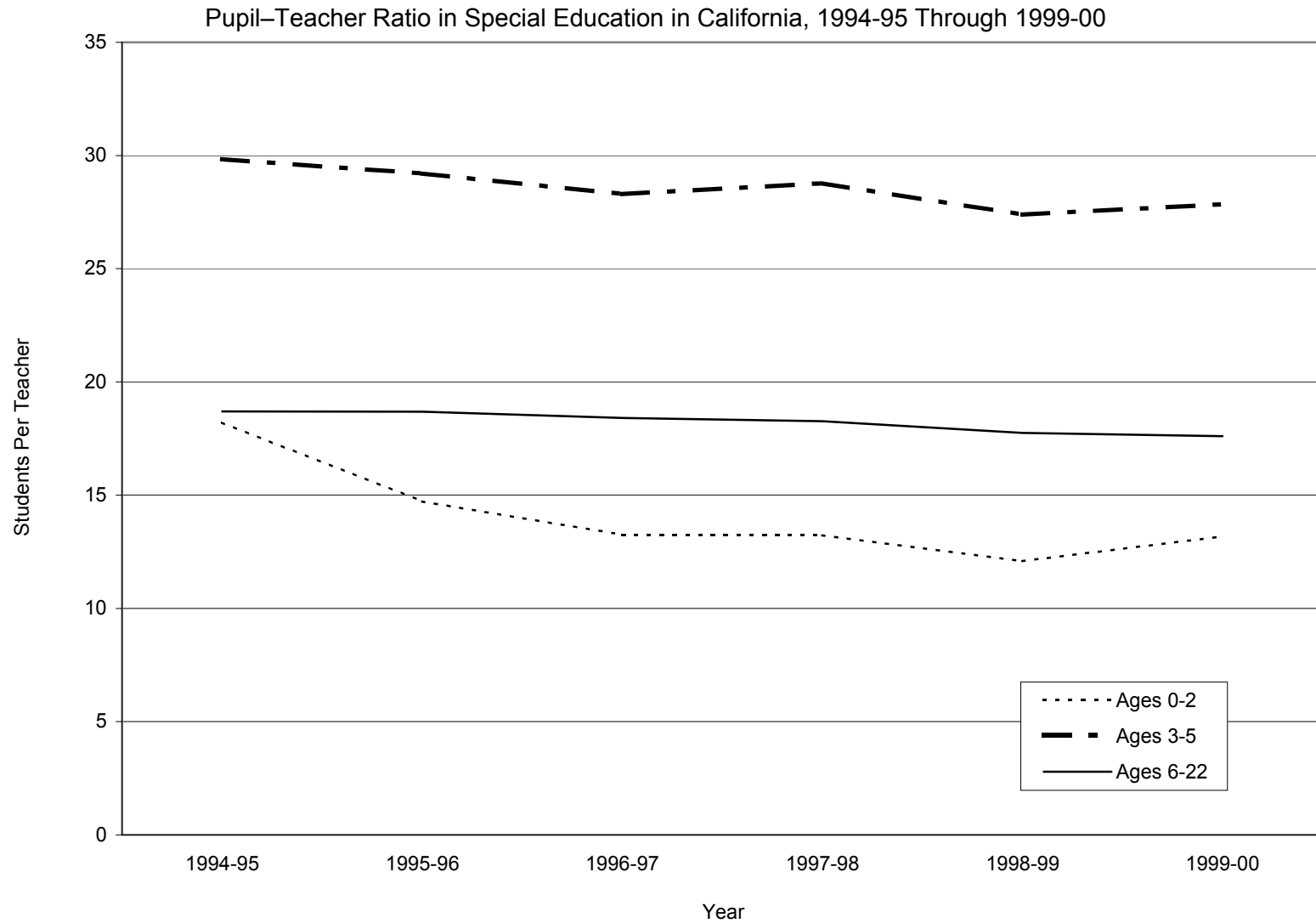
Table 37**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND ENROLLMENT IN CALIFORNIA, 1994-95 THROUGH 2000-01**

Year		Ages 0-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-22	Total
1994-95	Number of Teachers	330.00	1,742.14	26,328.73	28,400.87
	Spec Ed Enrollment	6,007	51,990	492,296	550,293
	Students per Teacher	18.20	29.84	18.70	19.38
1995-96	Number of Teachers	332.95	1,875.90	27,347.76	29,556.61
	Spec Ed Enrollment	4,903	54,795	511,136	570,834
	Students per Teacher	14.73	29.21	18.69	19.31
1996-97	Number of Teachers	374.74	1,969.24	28,705.23	31,049.21
	Spec Ed Enrollment	4,966	55,722	528,591	589,279
	Students per Teacher	13.25	28.30	18.41	18.98
1997-98	Number of Teachers	371.73	1,998.51	29,974.68	32,344.92
	Spec Ed Enrollment	4,917	57,511	547,609	610,037
	Students per Teacher	13.23	28.78	18.27	18.86
1998-99	Number of Teachers	404.49	2,074.88	31,946.46	34,425.83
	Spec Ed Enrollment	4,890	56,837	567,121	628,848
	Students per Teacher	12.09	27.39	17.75	18.27
1999-00	Number of Teachers	386.49	2,099.69	33,099.03	35,585.21
	Spec Ed Enrollment	5,093	58,491	582,607	646,191
	Students per Teacher	13.18	27.86	17.60	18.16
2000-01	Number of Teachers	375.76	2,005.94	29,355.54	31,737.24
	Spec Ed Enrollment	5,136	57,651	587,932	650,719
	Students per Teacher	13.67	28.74	20.03	20.50

Note: Number of teachers includes fully certified and not fully certified special education teachers; vacant FTE positions are excluded.

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (CASEMIS), DECEMBER 1994-2001
CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONNEL REPORT, END OF YEAR, 1994-2001

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